

Wichita Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Minutes Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Present: Terry Irwin, Keith Brewer, Andy Veatch, and Don Vaughn

Absent: David Lefler, Jerry Short, and Leon Breedlove

Staff: Kurt Schroeder, w/Central Inspection; Sharon Dickgrafe, w/Law Department; David Laws, w/Central Inspection; Billie Vines, w/Water Department, Dana Hamilton, w/Water & Sewer Department; Sara Runyan, w/Water & Sewer Department and Kim Mudd, w/Central Inspection

Guests Present: Dan Leidy, w/PACK; Ray Frederick w/Frederick Heating & Plumbing; Ric Woolsey, w/R L W Plumbing Service; Kevin Lehane, w/American Plumbing, John Shepherd, w/Local #441; Michael Dooley, w/Dooleys Rainwater Conditioning; Darin Barnes, w/Viega; CR Hall, w/Hall's Culligan; Joy Martin, w/ PEC; Darryl Lawson, w/Water Source Tech; Wes Galyon, w/WABA; and Lonny Wright

Chairman, Terry Irwin called the meeting to order.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Andy Veatch, moved to accept the November minutes, motion carried 4 - 0.

Discussion was held on grease traps. Dana Hamilton and Sara Runyan, from the Water & Sewer Department were present to answer questions. Other concerns and questions were going to be forwarded to Jade Dundas. No action taken.

The request from Ric Woolsey to open another company was discussed. Mr. Woolsey stated he would be having ownership of both companies. Don Vaughn, seconded by Keith Brewer, moved to allow Ric Woolsey to open the second company, motion did not pass with a 2 – 2 (tie). Sharon Dickgrafe suggested the board bring the item back to the January meeting when more members were present. Don Vaughn, seconded by Andy Veatch, moved to defer Ric Woolsey's request until the January meeting, motion carried 4 – 0.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Andy Veatch, moved to take the agenda out of order, if some guests would like to leave, motion carried 4 – 0.

Evidence of Kevin Lehane advertising under American Sewer and incorrect license numbers was brought before the board. Flyers, stationary, and magnets with the company name of American Sewer and incorrect license numbers were distributed to the board members. Major discussion was held. Ric Woolsey tried to explain that the intent of his request of two licenses was to eventually have all sewer business under American Plumbing Service and all plumbing business under RLW Plumbing. More discussion was held on why Kevin Lehane distributed the advertisements under a

company name that was not license or insured and had the wrong license numbers. Mr. Lehan reported that it was a misunderstanding with his office. Mr. Lehan reported that he sent out 3600 advertisements, but only 200 of them had the wrong information on them. Mr. Woolsey asked if he could be provided documentation of the violations involving Mr. Lehan. Sharon Dickgrafe stated she would provide Mr. Woolsey with this information. After more discussion, Terry Irwin, seconded by Don Vaughn, moved to suspend Kevin Lehan's Journeyman Plumbing certificate for one year, keeping the Journeyman Drain Layer certificate valid, if no violations or infractions are brought before Mr. Lehan during the one year suspension (December 2009), Mr. Lehan's Journeyman Plumbing certificate would be reinstated, motion carried 4 – 0.

More discussion was held on the clarification of the suspension and reinforcement that any work under American Sewer or as a standalone Journeyman, (Mr. Lehan must be employed with a company as a journeymen, to do any work) will be a violation.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Don Vaughn asked for a ten minutes break, motion carried 4 – 0.

Terry Irwin called the meeting back to order at 10:16 a.m..

Discussion was held on the Water Conditioning Ordinance. Several Water Conditioning business men were present and stated some concerns. CR Hall, of Hall's Culligan stated that he would like to review the ordinance and get back with the board. After discussion, questions from the Water Conditioning companies, would be sent to the board secretary and then forwarded to the board members for review at the January Meeting. Mr. Hall also invited the board members, and staff to visit his company for a tour. Mr. Hall also offered Hall's Culligan as place to hold a work session when discussion and/or rewriting the ordinance.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Andy Veatch moved to approve the Viega fitting, motion carried 4 – 0.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Andy Veatch moved to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Mudd